

is important an analysis of second derivatives.

Second Derivative Test: Suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $\bar{p}$  and  $\bar{p}$  is a critical point of  $f$ .

1.) If  $f_{xx}(\bar{p}) > 0$  and  $D(\bar{p}) = f_{xx}(\bar{p})f_{yy}(\bar{p}) - (f_{xy}(\bar{p}))^2 > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local min at  $\bar{p}$ .

2.) If  $f_{xx}(\bar{p}) < 0$  and  $D(\bar{p}) = f_{xx}(\bar{p})f_{yy}(\bar{p}) - (f_{xy}(\bar{p}))^2 > 0$  then  $f$  has a local max at  $\bar{p}$ .

3.) If  $D(\bar{p}) = f_{xx}(\bar{p})f_{yy}(\bar{p}) - (f_{xy}(\bar{p}))^2 < 0$ , then  $f$  has a saddle point at  $\bar{p}$ .

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LAST TIME 2nd Derivative Test

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2, \bar{p} \text{ a EP.}$$

1.  $f_{xx}(\bar{p}) > 0$  and  $D(\bar{p}) > 0 \Rightarrow \bar{p}$  a local min point

2.  $f_{xx}(\bar{p}) < 0$  and  $D(\bar{p}) > 0 \Rightarrow \bar{p}$  a local max point

3.  $D(\bar{p}) < 0 \Rightarrow \bar{p}$  is a saddle point.

Note.

① If  $D(\bar{p}) = 0$ , we cannot say anything about  $\bar{p}$  with this test.

② You could use  $f_{yy}(\bar{p})$  in place of  $f_{xx}(\bar{p})$

Ex. Classify the critical points of  $f(x, y) = xy + e^{-xy}$  with the 2nd derivative test.

Sol.  $\nabla f = \langle y - ye^{-xy}, x - xe^{-xy} \rangle$   
 $= \langle y(1 - e^{-xy}), x(1 - e^{-xy}) \rangle$

$\therefore \nabla f = \vec{0}$  iff  $\begin{cases} y(1 - e^{-xy}) = 0 \\ x(1 - e^{-xy}) = 0 \end{cases}$   
iff  $\begin{cases} y = 0 \text{ or } 1 - e^{-xy} = 0 \\ x = 0 \text{ or } 1 - e^{-xy} = 0 \end{cases}$

Note  $e^{-xy} = 1$  iff  $-xy = 0$  iff  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$

$\therefore \nabla f = \vec{0}$  iff either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$

because  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$  implies both of the conditions for  $\nabla f = \vec{0}$

Now we need  $D(x, y)$ :

$$f_{xx} = y^2 e^{-xy} \quad f_{yy} = x^2 e^{-xy}$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 1 - (e^{-xy} - xy e^{-xy}) = 1 - e^{-xy}(1 - xy)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D(x, y) &= f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 \\ &= (y^2 e^{-xy})(x^2 e^{-xy}) - (1 - e^{-xy}(1 - xy))^2 \end{aligned}$$

Picture of CP



$D(x, y) = 0$  uniformly when  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . (Verify)

$\therefore$  Nothing can be said with 2nd derivative test.

Ex. Classify CPs of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + xy + y$  with 2nd derivative test.

Sol:  $\nabla f = \langle 2x + y, 2y + x + 1 \rangle$

$$\therefore \nabla f = \vec{0} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} 2x + y = 0 \\ 2y + x + 1 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} y = -2x \\ 2(-2x) + x + 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{iff } \begin{cases} -3x + 1 = 0 \\ y = -2x \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{3} \\ y = -\frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  We have a unique CP at  $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3})$ .

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 \text{ then } f_{xx} = 2, f_{yy} = 2, f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 1$$

$$\therefore D(x, y) = 2 \cdot 2 - 1^2 = 3 > 0$$

$\therefore$  Because  $f_{xx}(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) = 2 > 0$  and  $D(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) = 3 > 0$  we have

by 2nd derivative test:  $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3})$  is a local min point.

$$\text{With local min point value } f(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{2}{9} - \frac{6}{9} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Ex: Classify CPs of  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 - 4x$ .

Sol: The CPs are given when  $\nabla f = \vec{0}$ :

$$\nabla f = \langle 3x^2 - 6x - 9, 3y^2 - 6y \rangle$$

$$= 3 \langle x^2 - 2x - 3, y^2 - 2y \rangle$$

$$= 3 \langle (x-3)(x+1), y(y-2) \rangle$$

	$x=3$	$x=-1$
$y=-1$	$(3, 0)$	$(-1, 0)$
$y=2$	$(3, 2)$	$(-1, 2)$

$$\therefore \nabla f = \vec{0} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} (x-3)(x+1) = 0 \\ y(y-2) = 0 \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} x = 3 \text{ or } y = -1 \\ y = 0 \text{ or } y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  We have CPs:  $(3, 0), (-1, 0), (3, 2), (-1, 2)$ .

Next we compute  $D(x, y)$ :

$$f_{xx} = 6x - 6, f_{yy} = 6y - 6, f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 0$$

$$\therefore D(x, y) = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 6(x-1) \cdot 6(y-1) - 0^2 = 36(x-1)(y-1)$$

Now analyz P<sub>3</sub>:

For (3,0):  $f_{xx}(3,0) = 6(3-1) > 0$  and  $D(3,0) = 36(3-1)(0-1) < 0$

Because  $D(3,0) < 0$ , (3,0) is a saddle point of f.

For (-1,0):  $f_{xx}(-1,0) = 6(-1-1) < 0$  and  $D(-1,0) = 36(-1-1)(0-1) > 0$

(-1,0) is a local max point of f with local max value  $f(-1,0) = 5$

For (3,2):  $f_{xx}(3,2) = 6(3-1) > 0$  and  $D(3,2) = 36(3-1)(2-1) > 0$

(3,2) is a local min point of f with local min value  $f(3,2) = -3$

For (-1,2):  $f_{xx}(-1,2) = 6(-1-1) < 0$  and  $D(-1,2) = 36(-1-1)(2-1) < 0$

Because  $D(-1,2) < 0$ , (-1,2) is a saddle point of f.

## Section P: Lagrange Multipliers

IDEA: Method for solving constrained optimization problems.

Observation: If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a ~~local~~ curve

$f(\bar{x}) = C$ , then for every point  $\bar{p}$  on this level curve:  $\nabla f(\bar{p}) \perp \nabla \bar{c}$   
i.e.  $\nabla f$  is orthogonal to level curves.

IDEA: Set up Constrained optimization to be optimizations on a level curve...

In general:  $\begin{cases} \text{Optimize } f(\bar{x}) \\ \text{Subject to } g_1(\bar{x}) = 0, g_2(\bar{x}) = 0, \dots \end{cases}$

$\underbrace{g_1(\bar{x}) = 0, g_2(\bar{x}) = 0, \dots}_{\text{0-level curves}}$

Can be turned into optimize:  $\underbrace{f(\bar{x}) - \lambda_1 g_1(\bar{x}) - \lambda_2 g_2(\bar{x}) - \dots - \lambda_K g_K(\bar{x})}_{\text{Lagrangian}}$

$$F(\bar{x}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_K) = f(\bar{x}) - \lambda_1 g_1(\bar{x}) - \lambda_2 g_2(\bar{x}) - \dots - \lambda_K g_K(\bar{x})$$

So  $F(\bar{x}, \lambda)$  has CPs with  $\nabla F = 0$

So Supposing the solution set of  $g_1(\bar{x}) = 0 = g_2(\bar{x}) = \dots = g_K(\bar{x})$  is closed and bounded, the local extreme of F determine global extreme of

$$\text{under } g_1 = g_2 = \dots = g_K = 0$$

Now let's see this in practice...

Ex: Optimize  $f(x, y) = xe^y$  subject to  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$

Sol: Via Lagrange Multipliers:

$$F(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) - \lambda g(x, y)$$

with  $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2$  (because  $g(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ )

$$\text{So } F(x, y, \lambda) = xe^y - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 2)$$

$$\therefore \nabla F = \langle e^y - \lambda(2x), xe^y - \lambda(2y), -(x^2 + y^2 - 2) \rangle$$

$$\text{So } \nabla F = 0 \text{ iff } \begin{cases} e^y - \lambda(2x) = 0 & \text{iff } \begin{cases} 2\lambda x = e^y & (1) \\ xe^y - \lambda(2y) = 0 & (2) \\ -(x^2 + y^2 - 2) = 0 & (3) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

(Idea: Solve this system)

Now  $2\lambda x = e^y$  implies  $\lambda \neq 0$  (lest  $e^y = 0$  which is nonsense)

$$\therefore x = \frac{e^y}{2\lambda}, \text{ so using equation 2: } 2\lambda y = \frac{e^y}{2\lambda} x$$

with equation 1 and 2 we obtain  $2\lambda y = x(2\lambda x)$

$\therefore 2\lambda y = 2\lambda x^2$ . Now  $\lambda \neq 0$  yields  $y = x^2$  so (3) becomes  $x^2 + (x^2)^2 = 2$

$$\text{i.e. } (x^2)^2 + x^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (x^2 + 2)(x-1)(x+1) = 0$$

$\uparrow$

*III. Negative Discriminant*  $\therefore x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1$

Note  $\lambda$  does not matter for  $f(x, y)$  as long as there is one and is constant.

$$\therefore x = -1: \text{ then } y = (-1)^2 \text{ and } \lambda = \frac{e^y}{2x} = \frac{e^1}{2(-1)} = -\frac{e}{2}$$

So  $(-1, 1)$  is a potential extreme point of  $f$  subject to  $g = 0$

$$f(-1, 1) = (-1)e^1 = -e$$

$x = 1: y^2 = 1, \lambda = \frac{e^y}{2x} = \frac{e^1}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{e}{2} \therefore (1, 1)$  is a potential extreme point of  $f$  subject to  $g = 0$ , and  $f(1, 1) = 1e^1 = e$ .

$\therefore -c$  is the global min and  $c$  is the global max of  $f$  subject to  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ .